Rama Varmha Tampuran .—(a) Yes.
(b) The matter is under enquiry.
(c) The question does not arise.
(d) The papers cannot be made public at this stage.

Chief Justice.

11. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether with reference to the answer to question No. 441 of the Legislative Session, 1106 the Government has come to any decision upon the appointment of a Chief Justice;

(b) when was Mr. Vaidyanatha Ayyar made the Chief Justice;

(c) was he ever made permanent; if so, when?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Vide notification No. 241, dated 23rd July 1931, published at page 1108 of Part I of the Gazette, dated 9th Karkadagam 1106.

(b) On 3rd Edavam 1105 as acting Chief Justice.

(c) Yes, from 6th Karkadagam 1105.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there any reason why he was not confirmed as soon as the appoinment was made, any particular reason?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The first appointment was made in an acting vacancy and there was no special reason for not taking up the question of making it permanent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When did that acting vacancy become permanent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On 6th Karkadagam 1105.

Chief Court Judge.

12. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has not been the practice in the State to have one of the Judges of the Chief Court a Marumakkathayam Malayalee for many years past;

(b) was the practice ever violated; if so, when and why;

(c) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the criticisms appearing in the Cochin papers regarding this subject during the last few months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

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